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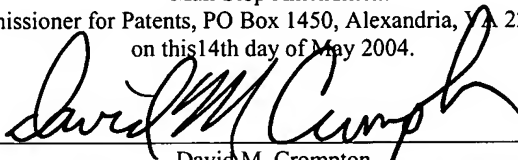
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	REMAINING CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID	EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	=		X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$
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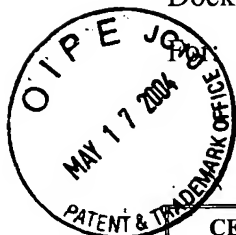
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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. patent/publication document or other information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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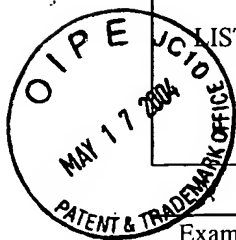
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